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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Elder

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Carl Vinson

1. Bruce Clarke and I met with Chairman Vinson with Russell Blandford sitting in to discuss the reliability of the Soviet missiles. Fred Payne of Dr. Brown's office was present from DOD to brief on the U. S. situation.

2. Bruce Clarke gave an excellent presentation utilizing prepared briefing notes and prepared charts. No problems were encountered.

3. Fred Payne from Defense gave the U. S. picture giving U. S. experience utilizing the same ground rules which Clarke had used in discussing Soviet reliability so that Vinson got a generally comparable briefing. Payne did not get into the specific question of Air Force experience on the movement of the MINUTEMAN from operational silos to Vandenberg for test shots. Mr. Vinson asked a great number of fundamental questions on missiles and nuclear weapons which Payne was able to handle.

4. Mr. Vinson said this was a very excellent briefing and expressed his appreciation for the Agency and DOD efforts.

cc: DD/I  
DDCI, Ex Dir-Compt, ER

JOHN S. WARNER  
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